

Minutes of the National Association of Brethren Church Elders

July 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Soden. The following guests were introduced: Tom Corliss from the Retirement Board and Luke Kelley from Cornerstone Church, Muncie, In.

Tom Collins presented the report of the Retirement Board. He discussed investment options. He feels the group is well invested and diversified and will email quarterly reports to us.

Billy Hesketh presented the report on the Benevolence Commission. Two people were helped last year. It was moved and seconded to receive the report and the motion carried.

Tim Garner reported for the Nurture and Support Commission. The Pastors and Spouses Retreat was cancelled due to lack of interest. The purpose of Pastors' Conference was discussed. A vacation to someplace we don't usually go was suggested, as was an opportunity to cultivate relationships. It was proposed to broaden the discussion. We could piggyback on other events, have the conference every other year. The commission will send out a survey to the association. The report was accepted.

The NOC report was distributed ahead of time. There was no discussion, and the report was accepted.

Phil Lersch reported on the Peace Initiative, requesting more email addresses to be added to the list. He thanked the district conferences for provided information and informed us that he will have contact with the BYIC convention later this week. He also referred us to his report in the conference booklet.

The seminary proposed Miles Larson for our 2012 scholarship, and it was moved and seconded to award the scholarship to him. The motion carried.

Charlie Beekley presented a memorial for his father, Eugene Beekley.

Gary Diehl reported on Church Mobilization. He pointed out that many are reluctant leaders; but that we are called by God and shaped by our training. He emphasized three important aspects of leadership:

- 1] Ministry Vitality—what is a healthy church leader?
- 2] Ministry transitions—relocation and refocusing ministry
- 3] Leadership Development—he provided a questionnaire for feedback.

We need to develop more leaders, and he suggested how that might be done. He asked: God is doing great things—what are we doing? Are we willing to go along with God?

His reported was accepted.

It was moved to receive the minutes and treasurer's report from the 2010 conference. [*See the Brethren Church website*]

Ken Hunn reported from the National Office. He asked us to do the hard things of ministry, to be engaged with the church. He also asked us to communicate with the National Office—their door is always open.

Memorials were presented for E. J. Beekley, Jim Thomas, and Alvin Grumbling. Emery Hurd moved to share memorials on the floor of conference, not just at NABCE. The motion was seconded, and there was discussion on the best way to accomplish that. The possibility of printing them in the *Brethren Evangelist* was suggested. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by the President.

July 14, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Soden.

Wes Lewis was presented for membership in the association and the motion to receive him was carried.

Miles Lawson was introduced to the association.

Lynn Mercer reported on the Intentional Relationship program. He reminded us that ministry does not have to be a lonely place. He passed around a sign-up sheet for participation.

The ballot was presented. T.J. Mclaughlin's name was withdrawn for Vice President. Ray Aspinal was nominated for the Study and Research Commission. It was moved to close nominations, declare those nominated to be elected and to allow the Executive Committee to fill the office of Vice President. The motion was seconded and carried.

The MissioChurch report was presented by Bill Ludwig. He reported that we have more people on the pathway than ever before, with deployments in 2012. Our part of the process is leadership development and there is not much of it going on. We need a commitment to work on cultivating leaders—if we don't the multiplication cannot happen.

The 2012 budget was presented. It was moved to increase the Pastors' Conference expense to \$500.00. After discussion the amendment was passed, and the budget was adopted as amended.

There was no old business.

Lee Solomon presented the Prayer of Declaration to Stand with Israel for discussion. There was a recommendation to present this to the conference, but it was proposed to discuss the concept in NABCE before bringing it to conference as there were many unanswered questions. After discussion the sense is to have it referred for study. Lee Solomon will meet with the Conference Moderator to determine how it will be handled on the conference floor.

The question was raised about how new pastors learn about NABCE. Should this be handled by the districts (e.g., the Boards of Overseers?) We will work on an informational packet for new elders. We also need to follow up on retirees and newly ordained elders.

Memorials were presented for Milton Robinson,

The meeting was adjourned by President Soden.

2012 NABCE Officers

President Scott Soden
Vice President
Secretary-Treasurer Gerald Barr
Asst. Sec-Treas Richard Craver

Commissions

Study and Research

Emery Hurd (2012)
Lynn Mercer (2013)
Ray Aspinall (2014)

Benevolence

Rich Hagopian (2012)
Billy Hesketh (2013)
Ron Spyker (2014)

Nurture and Support

Tim Garner (2011)
Pam McQuade (2013)
Tim Garner (2014)

2011 Ledger

Balance on hand, 1/1/2011		8713.16
Income		
Dues	1650.00	
Interest	<u>100.00</u>	
TOTAL INCIME		1750.00
Expenses		
Secretary's Salary	100.00	
Office supplies	24.94	
Benefits	1000.00	
Scholarship	1250.00	
Milt Robinson memorial	1000.00	
<u>EJ Beekley memorial</u>	<u>1000.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		4374.94
Balance on hand, 12/31/2011		6088.22
Notes with the Missionary Board		2500.00

2012 Budget

ANTICIPATED INCOME

Dues	5,200.00
Interest	40.00
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Total Anticipated Income	\$ 5,240.00

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES

Scholarship	1,250.00	
Benevolences	3,000.00	
Pastors' Conference	500.00	General Conference
expenses	100.00	
Postage	100.00	
Office supplies	100.00	
N O C expenses	250.00	
Secretary's fee	100.00	
<u>Executive Committee expenses</u>	<u>50.00</u>	
Total Anticipated Expenses	\$ 5,450.00	

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald A. Barr, Secretary-Treasurer
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